

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 4, 2016
6:30 P.M.
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The City of Girard Council Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Kurt Ziegler, City Clerk, Debra Smith, calling roll to determine quorum present. The following council members answered roll: Sheldon DeLange, Ward; Kelly Peak, Ward; and Danny Murray, Ward: Mike West, 4th Ward, arriving at 6:33 P.M. There was a quorum present.

Also present were City Administrator, Chris Weiner and City Attorney, Richard D. Loffswold, Jr.

A prayer was given by DeLange.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Ziegler and recited by all.

A motion by Murray, seconded by Peak, approve the agenda of April as presented. Motion carried.

A motion by Peak, seconded by Murray, accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

City Administrator Weiner presented proposals for relocation of signs for Mini-Stop and Pete's for the upcoming Geometric Improvement. Motion by DeLange, seconded by Peak, approve the city hiring CDL Electric to relocate the two signs, Pete's \$10,088.79 and Mini-Stop \$4,950.00 for a total of \$15,038.79 in preparation for the start of the Geometric Improvement. Aye-DeLange, Peak and Murray. Abstained: West. Motion carried.

The administrator discussed with the council a Façade Program prepared in conjunction with the Chamber to assist commercial properties with storefront improvements to coincide with the Streetscape Project. The grant would match dollar for dollar an investment of at least \$500 and not exceed \$1,500, as long as funding is available. Discussion was also held on possible additional revenue avenues for the program.

Motion by DeLange, seconded by Murray, approve information as presented in on the proposed Revitalization Façade Program. Motion carried.

A new purchasing policy was presented to council for review and consideration at the next meeting. It would increase spending authority of City Administrator as well as department heads. Meal stipends/reimbursements for employees away at conferences or schooling would also increase.

Administrator Weiner discussed the Comprehensive Plan and requested a committee to review the proposals. Mayor asked the burden of establishing a 3-5 person committee be given the city administrator. After discussion, agreed no more than a 3-person review committee with council and administrator remaining objective and not part of the review committee. Chris will present a review committee at a later meeting.

Motion by Murray, seconded by DeLange, approve hiring Blake Siebert as part time staff member of the Golf Course Clubhouse at the wage of \$8.00 per hour effective April 5, 2016. Motion carried.

Motion by West, seconded by Murray, set budget workshops for April , 2016 and May , 2016 at 6:30 P.M. Motion carried.

Motion by West, seconded by Murray, set personnel policy workshop review for April , 2016 at 6:30 P.M. Motion carried.

Employee of the month was announced- Lieutenant Terry L. Powell, for his part time duties at the fire department while filling in for Firefighter Terry Wray.

Police Chief McDonald was present to inform council of the "local auto traffic" road detours that have been established for the Geometric Improvement project beginning June 1. He will be making the detour route a no parking zone start in May with letters to be sent to all residents. This is just temporary until completion of project with the area defined as Ozark/St John south to Walnut, west to Osage, and back north to St. John. Council all favorable of the no parking during the detour.

At 8:01 P.M. the meeting was called into executive session for Attorney/Client privileges for a period of 10 minutes and to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator and Public Works director Yaeger, on a motion by Murray, seconded by DeLange. Motion carried.

The meeting resumed at 8:12 P.M. and returned to executive session for Attorney/Client privileges for a period of 10 minutes and to include Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Administrator and Public Works director Yaeger, on a motion by Murray, seconded by DeLange. Motion carried.

The meeting resumed at 8:23 P.M., no action resulting from the executive session. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M. on a motion by Murray seconded by Peak. Motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

KURT ZIEGLER, MAYOR

DEBRA J. SMITH, CMC, CITY CLERK